



Did you know financial literacy is rarely taught in schools?

HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS: Success is directly tied to courage, and courage grows through confidence. Real confidence isn't just wishful thinking—it comes from knowledge and practice.

This game is designed to give your child both the tools and the courage they need to handle money wisely. As they master these skills, they'll not only feel empowered but also a little more prepared to step boldly into the future.

OBJECTIVE

BUILD CONFIDENCE AND GENEROSITY!

Learn how to budget by balancing needs and wants, making smart money choices, and giving back. Budgeting isn't about having the most -- it's about using what you have wisely to achieve your goals and help others.



RIDING LIFE'S WAVES

A budget helps you handle surprises and stay on track, even when life doesn't go as planned.

CONFIDENCE THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Confidence grows with practice. Learn the tools to manage money and make decisions with independence and generosity.



INSTRUCTIONS

GAME SETUP

1. Gather Your Supplies:

Jelly Beans or Counters: Each player starts with 25 beans (or any small items like coins, buttons, or candies). These represent your "monthly paycheck"

2. Set Out Your Board Game:

Lay pages 3-4 of this file (the printable gameboard) flat on the table.



UNDERSTANDING THE BOARD

The board shows you where you can spend, save, and share your beans. The cost is represented next to each line item. You can store any unused jelly beans in your Bean Bank.

HOW TO PLAY

Follow the Rounds:

The game is divided into three rounds, each with choices to make and surprises along the way. Choose a storyteller to read the prompts and follow the instructions for each round.

STORYTELLER



ROUND 1

PAYDAY EXCITEMENT

Congratulations! You just graduated high school, and you can officially be on your own! You just landed your first-ever job, and payday is here! You've earned 25 jelly beans this month, and it's time to decide how to use them. Before you start dreaming about new toys and big adventures, *remember: you have to take care of the important things first.*

Every budget has a few essentials—like food, shelter, clothing and transportation. These are things you need to live and stay safe. Take a look at your first four *required* SPEND categories section on your board and decide how many beans you'll want to spend on each.

Once you've covered your needs, it's time to think about what you'll want to save, if any. Then, it's time for the fun stuff! Will you save some beans for a big goal, like a Tesla Cybertruck? Maybe you'll get that pet you've always wanted, start a business, or maybe you'll give a few beans to help someone in need. The choice is yours!

Remember, the goal is to spend wisely so you can balance your budget and avoid busting it. Let's get started—place your beans on the board!

Discussion Questions:

1. Who spent the most on fun stuff?
2. Who saved the most beans?
3. Who gave the most away?



ROUND 2

RIDING THE WAVES

Life can be full of surprises, and the choices you made in Round 1 are about to pay off—or cost you some beans! This round will show how prepared you were for life's twists and turns.

Here's how it works: If you *lose* beans, you'll need to remove them from your board. If you *earn* beans, I'll reward you with additional beans you can place in any category you choose—Saving, Spending, or Sharing.

Let's see how your choices played out:

Scenario 1: Bummer...Your boss at work had to cut your hours this month. You earn less than expected and you need to remove 4 beans from your board.

Scenario 2: Oh no, you had a surprise popped tire! If you put beans in Build Emergency Fund, you lose no beans. If you did not you lose 3 more beans.

Scenario 3: If you gave beans to help your neighbor when they were sick, they bake you

ROUND 2 (CONT.)

cookies to say thank you! Earn 2 beans and add it to any category on your board.

Adjust your beans now, and think about how these choices affect your ability to save, spend, and give. Let's see if you're ready to plan better for the future!

Discussion questions:

1. What was the biggest surprise this round? Did it help or hurt your budget?
2. If you could go back to Round 1, what would you do differently to be better prepared?
3. What choices helped you the most this round? Why do you think they worked well?



ROUND 3

GENEROSITY BONUS

You've worked hard to budget your beans, make smart choices, and plan for life's surprises. Now it's time to see how your generosity and planning have been in your budget. In this round, you'll earn bonus beans for thoughtful and kind actions, and you can place them in any category you like—Saving, Spending, or Sharing.

Here's how the Generosity Bonus works:

Scenario 1: If you gave beans to church, you've helped others in meaningful ways. You've been blessed with 2 beans to place anywhere on your board.

Scenario 2: If you donated to a fundraiser, your kindness is making a difference! Earn 1 bean to place anywhere on your board.

Scenario 3: If you used beans to start your own business, your hard work and planning pay off! Your business takes off, and you earn 5 beans to place anywhere on your board.

Game Wrap-Up:

1. What category (Saving, Spending, or Giving) did you focus on the most, and why?
2. What was the hardest decision you had to make, and what did you learn from it?
3. If you played again, what would you do differently to improve your budget?



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DON'T BUST

SPEND

REQUIRED CATEGORIES

FOOD & WATER

HOME COOKED MEALS 

FOOD AND SNACKS  

FANCY RESTAURANTS   

CLOTHING

THRIFT STORE FINDS 

OUTLET SHOPPING  

DESIGNER OUTFITS   

SHELTER

LIVE WITH FAMILY 

RENT SMALL APARTMENT  

BUY A HOUSE   

TRANSPORTATION

CARPPOOL AND SHARE GAS \$ 

BUY USED CAR   

BUY NEW CAR    

SAVE

SHORT-TERM

SAVE FOR A TOY 

SAVE FOR A NICE GIFT  

SAVE FOR A TRIP   

LONG-TERM

BUILD EMERGENCY FUND  

SAVE FOR A NEW BIKE  

BUY A CYBERTRUCK    

YOUR BUDGET

SHARE

FUN STUFF

HIKING (FREE)

VISITING FRIENDS (FREE)

LIBRARY VISIT (FREE)

GAMING SUBSCRIPTION

GOING TO THE MOVIES

PET: DOG OR CAT

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

GYM MEMBERSHIP

SPECTATOR SPORTS

BUY NEW HOBBY GEAR

GO TO A CONCERT

SMARTPHONE PLAN

THEME PARK TRIP



GENEROSITY

DONATE TO A FUNDRAISER

HELP A NEIGHBOR

DONATE TO A PET RESCUE

GIVE TO CHURCH



BEAN BANK

